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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements received in the above-identified patent application. The Notice indicates that an Oath or Declaration and corresponding surcharge must be submitted.

Applicants submit that a duly executed Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b) was mailed on February 19, 2002. The Declaration was timely submitted on February 19, 2002, as February 16 (the 30-month date for entry into the U.S. national Stage) was a Saturday, February 17 was a Sunday, and


February 18 was a Federal holiday on which the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed.

Enclosed are (1) a photocopy of the Transmittal Letter, (2) a photocopy of the submission, including the executed Declaration, (3) a photocopy of the Express Mail receipt (indicating the "Date In" as February 19, 2002), and (4) a photocopy of the return postcard from the Patent Office indicating receipt of the Declaration.

A photocopy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is also enclosed.

Applicants believe that no surcharge or fee is due with this submission. However, if any such surcharge or fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 50/1039 for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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